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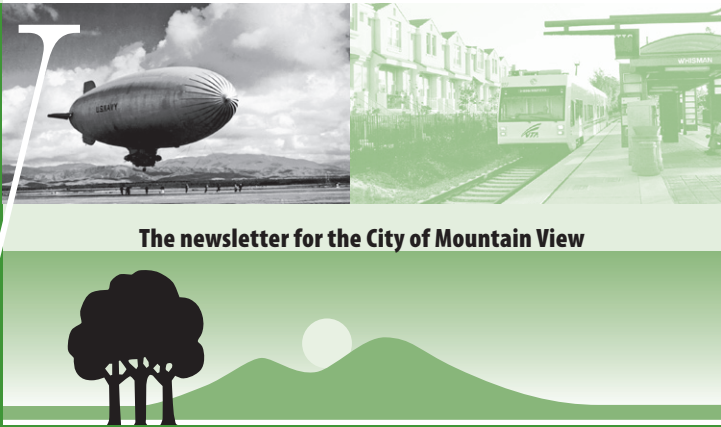
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COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

Do not miss these annual community events this Spring and Summer:

- Arbor Day Celebration – March 10
- Downtown Parade – April 28
- Citywide Garage Sale – May 5
- Community Yard Sale – May 12
- Library Family Picnic – June 12
- July 4th Celebration at Shoreline – July 4

Join us
Saturday, April 28
for the **34th Annual Downtown Parade, Castro Street,**
at 12:00 noon.
Rain or shine!

NEW FIRE STATION 5 OPENED

On December 15, 2011, the City Council dedicated the permanent Fire Station Number 5 on the corner of North Shoreline Boulevard and Crittenden Lane. The new 10,000 sq. ft. building replaces the temporary station in operation for the past 12 years. The station is equipped with one fire engine, one fire truck, and a state-of-the-art hazardous materials truck.

The building is designed to meet Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification



requirements and will be the first LEED Silver-Certified Capital Improvement project to be constructed by the City.

CITY BUDGET UPDATE

Like residents, businesses, and public agencies of all types and sizes, the City has been challenged by the lingering impacts of the “Great Recession” to maintain structurally balanced budgets (ongoing revenues that are greater than or equal to ongoing service costs). For many years, the City has worked diligently without relying on “one-time fixes” to contend with projected deficits of several million dollars. This has resulted in a number of actions taken including the reduction of positions, assistance from all employee organizations toward cost containment, and a number of efficiencies and improvements. This work toward a positive bottom line will need to continue, as challenging economic trends continue into the Fiscal Year 2012-13 budget.

The goal for the Fiscal Year 2012-13 Budget is again to achieve a structurally balanced budget with as few impacts on our residents, customers and employees as possible. It is anticipated this will be accomplished by utilizing all options available including operational efficiencies, focused expenditure reductions, and managing the cost of employee benefits.

As the City assesses the current fiscal year and the FY 2012-13 budget, General Operating Fund (GOF) revenue growth is not matching projections. While some revenue categories are performing better than projected in the FY 2011-12 budget, sales and property taxes are performing below expectations due to the slow recovery from the

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DRAFT GENERAL PLAN

The City is finalizing work on updating the General Plan, a long-range policy document that will be used to guide future planning and development in Mountain View. The Environmental Planning Commission (EPC) and City Council are currently reviewing and refining the Draft General Plan. Highlights include:

- Preserving existing neighborhood character.
- Focusing on change in key areas such as North Bayshore, East Whisman, El Camino, and San Antonio, and provides a new vision and policy direction for these areas.
- Major policies supporting community values such as sustainability, quality of life, diversity, health and wellness, and economics. To date, nearly seventy-five public meet-

ings have helped inform the development of the document over the last few years.

Two other important related documents, the Draft General Plan Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Program (GGRP), are now available for public comment. The EIR will evaluate any significant environmental impacts resulting from the Draft General Plan and will recommend measures to address those impacts. The primary purpose of the GGRP is to mitigate greenhouse gas emission impacts resulting from General Plan growth.

The EPC will be forwarding a recommendation on all three documents to the City Council for consideration at a meeting tentatively planned for late Spring 2012.

If you would like schedule updates on upcoming meetings, or a CD of any Draft General Plan materials, or have questions on accessing hard copies, contact the Community Development Department at (650) 903-6306, or visit www.mountainview2030.com for updates.



WAYS TO STAY INFORMED ABOUT THE CITY'S BUDGET PROCESS:

- Sign-up for budget updates by E-mail at citybudgetinfo@mountainview.gov.
- Log on to the new on-line service “Ask Mountain View” and request budget updates.
- Contact the City Manager's Office at (650) 903-6301 with comments or questions.
- Tune-in to the cable broadcast of scheduled budget meetings on KMTV-26.
- Download webcasts of City Council meetings any time.

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NEWS FOR YOU



EXPANDED SMOKING BAN

The City expanded Mountain View's current smoking ban to prohibit smoking in all City outdoor dining and picnic areas, as well as within 25 feet of any operable door, window or vent where smoking is prohibited. The new ordinance maintains the current 30-foot buffer zone around the City's tot-lots, playgrounds and sandboxes.

The Santa Clara County Public Health Department awarded the City a grant to develop and implement policies to reduce exposure to second-hand smoke. The ordinance takes effect May 15, 2012. Before the effective date Police Department volunteers will visit places of employment, restaurants and bars to offer educational materials and window decals for posting. For more information visit www.mountainview.gov.



NEW CHILD SEAT BELT LAW

As of January 1, 2012, California law requires children under the age of 8 to be secured in a car seat or booster seat in the back seat. Children under the age of 8 who are 4' 9" or taller may be secured by a safety belt in the back seat. For more information, visit <http://www.chp.ca.gov/community/safeseat.html>.



SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS AND THE ENVIRONMENT

The City has been awarded a three-year, \$500,000 Federal Vehicle Emissions Reductions Based at Schools (VERBS) grant in support of efforts to reduce traffic, fuel consumption and air pollution in the vicinity of schools and make bicycling and walking to school safer through safety education programs.

The VERBS Program will be offered to all K-12 public and private schools in the City. With the objective of reducing vehicle miles traveled and greenhouse gas emissions, the VERBS Program will:

- Encourage walking, bike riding and carpooling to school.
- Create and publish Safe Routes to Schools maps to indicate high-traffic areas to avoid.
- Teach walking and biking safety through age-appropriate workshops.

Greenhouse gas emission reductions will be measured by developing a base line at the beginning of the program using surveys and observation of travel habits and accepted modeling protocols, then periodically surveying and observing travel habits to measure the effectiveness of program activities in reducing vehicle miles traveled and greenhouse gas emissions.

For more information regarding the VERBS Program, contact the Public Works Department at (650) 903-6311.



in Mountain View

FREE, PIONEERING RESIDENTIAL ENERGY PROGRAM

Join the City's efforts to reduce energy use and reduce greenhouse gases by taking advantage of Mountain View's free energy program, Energy Upgrade Mountain View (EUMV). For homeowners and renters, the EUMV program can confidentially analyze hourly energy use data and then provide customized support and recommendations to help you reduce your energy consumption, focusing on no- and low-cost actions you can take around your home or apartment. To learn more and sign up, visit EnergyUpgradeMV.org. For additional questions, call the City's Environmental Sustainability Coordinator at (650) 903-6602.



SHORELINE AMPHITHEATRE RESIDENT TICKET POLICY

Mountain View residents may purchase tickets for most events at Shoreline Amphitheatre two days in advance of the general public.

To participate in the program, residents must first obtain a Resident Identification Card from the Shoreline Amphitheatre Box Office. Resident Identification Cards will be issued at the Amphitheatre Box Office starting in mid-April.

A full description of the Resident Ticket Program, along with its requirements and restrictions, may be obtained at the Shoreline Amphitheatre Box Office. Call the Shoreline Box Office at (650) 967-4040 or visit www.mountainview.gov for more information.

SIGN UP TODAY AT WWW.ALERTSCC.COM

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

Santa Clara County began implementation of a new Alert and Warning Call Out System in 2009-2010 that enables officials to notify residents of large-scale emergencies, such as earthquakes, fires, crimes, hazardous material spills and infectious diseases by calling their landline and cell phone and sending text messages and E-mail.

Currently, the County has the landline number for most county residents in its database. In order to make the system more effective, the County is asking residents to register their cell phone numbers and E-mail addresses, and to check to see if their land line is listed, by going to www.alertscc.com. For more information about the new system, call the Office of Emergency Services at (650) 903-6825.

City Considers Changes to Garbage and Recycling Services

The City Council will consider potential changes to existing garbage and recycling collection services in late spring. To learn more, see *The Resource* newsletter inside this issue of *The View*.

CITY BUDGET UPDATE

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economic downturn. In addition, City investment earnings are not meeting projections due to continuing low interest rates. Given these challenges, additional corrective actions will be needed. An anticipated GOF gap of approximately \$1.4 M is forecast for FY 2012-13.

The City will continue to proactively address challenges to the City's financial health and is currently developing options while minimizing impacts to services. The City Manager will present budget updates and/or recommendations at a City Council meeting on April 10, with the budget hearing on June 5 and budget adoption scheduled for June 12.

For further information on the City budget, please contact the City Manager's Office at (650) 903-6301.



MOUNTAIN VIEW – STRONG CITY | STRONG STATE!

The League of California Cities and the California City Management Foundation profiled the City of Mountain View recently as a part of its 'Strong Cities/Strong State' Campaign. The project presents success stories from across the state and featured highlights of Mountain View programs and services. Visit the web site at <http://www.strongcitiesstrongstate.com/city/mountain-view>.

ASK MOUNTAIN VIEW/ASK MV APP: GET THE ANSWERS YOU NEED



Citizens can use their iPhones to point, click, and send a message to City Hall quickly by using a new, free Ask Mountain View iPhone application. Requests and feedback are routed directly into the *Ask Mountain View* system and users can check the updated status of their requests anytime, anywhere. Download the application on-line at the iPhone App Store or on the City's website at www.mountainview.gov. For more information, call the City Manager's Office at (650) 903-6210 or (650) 903-6301, or E-mail kimberly.thomas@mountainview.gov.

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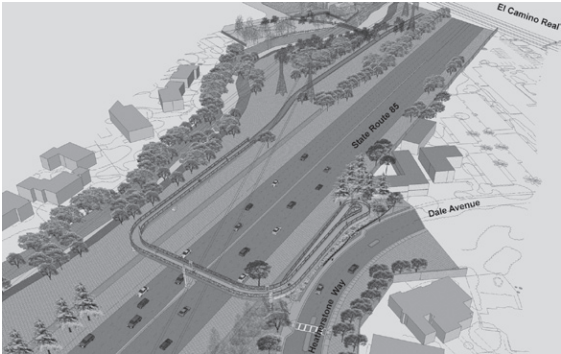
City Mission Statement

The City of Mountain View provides quality services and facilities that meet the needs of a caring and diverse community in a financially responsible manner.



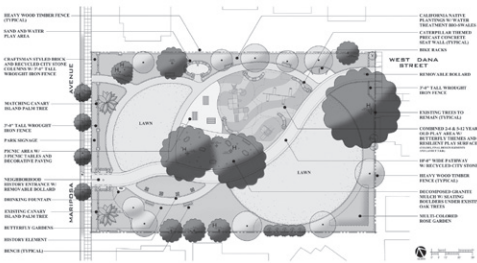
PERMANENTE CREEK TRAIL

Construction continues on a project to extend the Permanente Creek Trail from its current terminus on the north (Bay) side of Highway 101 to the south side of Old Middlefield Way. The project includes constructing a pedestrian/bicycle crossing over Highway 101 and a tunnel under Old Middlefield Way. This extension of the trail will connect the commercial and recreational areas north of Highway 101 to the neighborhoods south of Highway 101. The bridge construction was completed this Winter and the tunnel construction should be complete in March 2012. The project is expected to be complete and the trail extension opened by Spring 2012. For more information, visit www.mountainview.gov or call the Public Works Department at (650) 903-6311.



STEVENS CREEK TRAIL

Construction of the Stevens Creek Trail extension from Sleeper Avenue over Highway 85 to the intersection of Dale Avenue and Heatherstone Way should be complete this April, including the Highway 85 overcrossing. This latest extension will open the trail to the residential neighborhood east of Highway 85. Notices regarding the City Council dedication ceremony and public opening for the extension will be available in March on the City's website, www.mountainview.gov. For more information, call the Public Works Department at (650) 903-6311.



MARIPOSA PARK

Construction on a 0.6 acre site, located on Mariposa Avenue between Villa Street and California Street, began in late September 2011 and weather permitting should be completed early.

PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

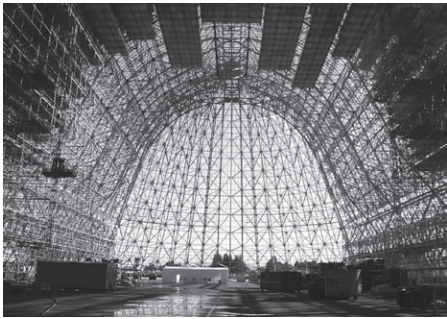
The City is currently moving forward with proposals for several new developments in Mountain View. For more information on private development projects in the City, contact the Community Development Department at (650) 903-6379.

455 SAN ANTONIO ROAD

Construction has begun on the first phase of a project by developer Merlone Geier on the site of the former San Antonio Shopping Center. The project will include 85,000 square feet of new retail space along El Camino Real and a mixed-use building consisting of 43,000 square feet of retail space and 340 residential apartments along San Antonio Road.



A second phase of development is proposed for an area of the site along California Street. Preliminary plans for this phase are expected in Spring 2012, with potential City Council action by the end of 2012.



(Photo: U.S. Navy)

HANGAR ONE UPDATE

While the Navy nears completion of removing the siding from Hangar One, the future fate of restoring the hangar remains undetermined at the time of going to print with this update. In December 2011, Google's co-founders' aviation company, H211 LLC, announced a proposal to evaluate the possibility of restoring the hangar, paid for by H211, to house its fleet of private airplanes, in addition to allowing for a NASA and community benefit use of a third of the hangar.

H211's fleet of aircraft has been stored elsewhere at Moffett since 2007 under an agreement that allows use of their aircraft for NASA's scientific work. Congresswoman Eshoo, more than 20 members of Congress, the cities of Mountain View and Sunnyvale, and community stakeholders have sent letters to NASA Administrator Charlie Bolden encouraging serious consideration of such innovative proposals to restore the hangar to a beneficial public-private use, which could avoid significant taxpayer costs. Despite NASA Ames' support of the proposal, NASA Headquarters has not responded to the proposal yet.

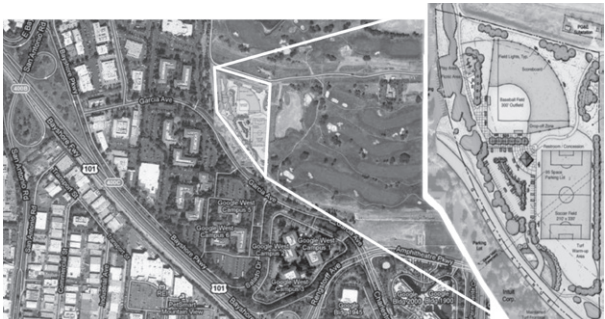
For more information, contact the City Manager's Office at (650) 903-6301 or visit: www.nasa.gov/centers/ames/home/2008/hangar_index.html.



GOOGLE HELPS FUND AFFORDABLE HOUSING

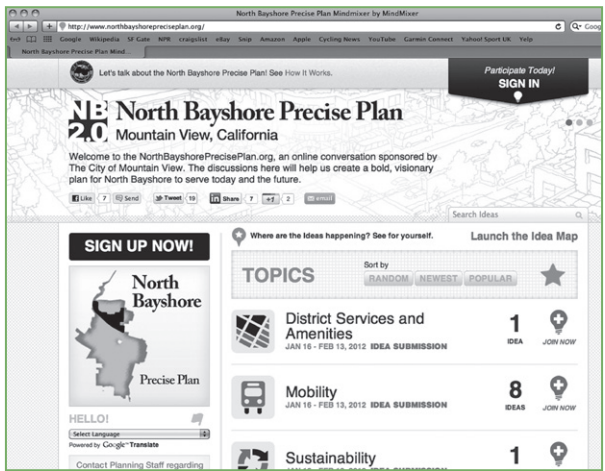
Google recently invested in affordable housing for Mountain View families. Google is helping finance the Franklin Street Family apartments: 51 affordable family apartments under construction in downtown Mountain View (135 Franklin Street). They are investing about \$7.7 million to purchase low income housing tax credits for the project and in return Google can use the tax credits to reduce their future annual tax liability. Google is also providing all the computer equipment for an on-site computer room and will install Wi-Fi connections for the project. The computer room will be used for homework and computer classes for both children and adults.

The Franklin Street Family Apartments will be affordable to households earning 30% to 50% of the Area Median Income (\$31,000 to \$52,000 annual income for a family of four). Families with qualified incomes who live or work in Mountain View will be given preference in renting units. The rental application process will start in late Fall 2012 and will be widely advertised. Construction is expected to be completed around February 2013. For additional information contact the Community Development Department at (650) 903-6379.



SHORELINE SPORTS FIELDS

The City Council has approved the Conceptual Plan and environmental documents for the Shoreline Sports Field located in the southwest corner of Shoreline at Mountain View. The new complex will provide multi-purpose synthetic turf fields for soccer and baseball/softball, as well as a concessions building and parking. A portion of the site will be set aside for wildlife habitat. For more information, contact the Public Works Department at (650) 903-6311.



NORTH BAYSHORE PRECISE PLAN

The City has initiated a new 'town hall' style website to allow residents and business owners to help in the creation of the North Bayshore Precise Plan, which will include goals for the future development of the North Bayshore area. The Precise Plan will be used to implement the vision of the City's updated General Plan, which is tentatively scheduled for consideration by the City Council in late Spring of 2012. To monitor the progress of the Precise Plan and provide input on how to improve and enhance the North Bayshore area, visit <http://www.NorthBayshorePrecisePlan.org> or E-mail community.dev@mountainview.gov.

CITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATES ON TWITTER

You can get the latest news about local economic development activity on the City's new Economic Development Division twitter account: **MountainViewED** at <http://www.twitter.com/MountainViewED>. Tweets include information about City, Central Business Association and Chamber of Commerce upcoming events, links to news articles about Mountain View businesses, and information about local development projects.



690 E. MIDDLEFIELD

Dostart Development is proposing a new office development consisting of up to 680,000 square feet in three buildings on a 15.6-acre site at the corner of Middlefield Road and Logue Avenue. Formal plans are expected in Spring 2012, with potential City Council action by Summer 2012.



There is fun to be had right here in Mountain View this Spring and Summer for all ages. Community activities abound for any interest!

SPECIAL EVENTS

Arbor Day Celebration March 10

The City will celebrate Arbor Day on Saturday, March 10 in Pioneer Park, on Church Street between City Hall and the Library. All activities are free and open



to the public. The celebration begins at 10:15 a.m. with a children's Arbor Day reading presentation in the Mountain View Public Library. Activities follow in the park with a tree planting at 11:00 a.m. and continue until 1:00 p.m.

Enjoy children's arts and crafts, face painting, a guided

tree walk, and complimentary hot dogs and drinks. Public agencies and volunteer environmental groups will provide information about trees, composting, recycling and conservation. A tree climbing demonstration by the Forestry Division is also scheduled.

Mountain View's Annual Arbor Day ceremony will be celebrated rain or shine. For more information, contact the Forestry and Roadway Landscape Division at (650) 903-6273

Annual Downtown Parade April 28

Mountain View's 34th Annual Spring Family Parade marches down Castro Street on Saturday, April 28. The parade begins at noon on Castro Street at Villa Street and this year's theme is "Rock It to the Future."

The fun continues until 3:00 p.m. with children's activities, music, entertainment and food in Pioneer Park, located just behind Civic Center Plaza at 500 Castro Street.



If you or your group would like to participate in the parade, you will find more information and registration deadlines at www.mountainview.gov. For additional information, call the Recreation Division at (650) 903-6331.

Annual 4th of July Symphony and Fireworks Display

The City will once again co-sponsor the annual July 4th celebration at Shoreline Amphitheatre, featuring the San Francisco Symphony and a spectacular fireworks display. Mountain View residents will be eligible to receive a limited number of free and discounted tickets. Additional ticket and event information will be available in May on the City's website at www.mountainview.gov. For more information about the event, call the Shoreline Amphitheatre Box Office at (650) 967-4040.



Free Outdoor Movie Nights

Do not miss Mountain View's free Outdoor Movie Nights this Summer, cosponsored by the Mountain View Youth Advisory Committee and the City of Mountain View Recreation Division. Movies begin at 8:30 p.m.

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| July 13: Cuesta Park: | "Kung Fu Panda 2" (PG) |
| July 20: Whisman Park: | "Puss in Boots" (PG) |
| July 27: Eagle Park: | "Finding Nemo" (G) |
| August 3: Stevenson Park: | "The Muppets" (PG) |
| August 10: Sylvan Park: | "Cars 2" (G) |
| August 17: Rengstorff Park: | "Happy Feet 2" (PG) |

For more information on the Summer Outdoor Movie Night series, call (650) 903-6410.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES



The House: A Center for Mountain View Teens

The House, Mountain View's City sponsored center for teens, offers free drop-in programs to Mountain View 6-12 graders. Supervised by Recreation staff, activities include billiards, video games, homework help, board games, computers, crafts and snacks. To register for these free programs, visit www.mountainview.gov or stop by The House located at 298 Escuela Avenue.

School Year Hours

Monday-Thursday: 4:00-7:00 p.m.
Friday-Saturday: 4:00-8:00 p.m.
Sunday: Closed

Summer Hours Begin June 13

Monday-Thursday: 1:00-5:00 p.m.
Friday: 1:00-6:00 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday: Closed

For more information, contact the Recreation Division at (650) 903-6331.

Free Children's Theatre in the Park

Peninsula Youth Theatre (PYT), in partnership with the City of Mountain View, presents free children's theater productions this summer at the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro Street. See 45-minute fairy

FUTURE SITE FOR YOUTH ACTIVITIES

On December 6, 2011, the City Council approved funding and a scope of work to refurbish the recently acquired Rock Church property for use as a Teen Center. The Rock Church building is located at 263 Escuela Avenue. When renovations are completed in fall of 2013 the new facility will offer recreation programs for middle school and high school teens. Programs will include fitness classes, special events, drivers education courses, cooking classes, computer lab, homework area, and game room. Students from the Youth Advisory Committee will be involved in the design process for the new Teen Center. For more information please contact the Recreation Division at (650)903-6331.

tales and other children's stories each Friday evening at 6:30 p.m. from June 29 through August 10. Bring the kids, a picnic dinner and a blanket to sit on at the Center's outdoor ParkStage, located adjacent to Pioneer Park at 500 Castro Street.

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| June 29: | <i>The Elves and the Shoemaker</i> |
| July 6: | <i>Beauty and the Beast</i> |
| July 13: | <i>Jack and the Three Sillies</i> |
| July 20: | <i>Stories Under the Big Top</i> |
| July 27: | <i>Hansel and Gretel</i> |
| Aug 3: | <i>The Jungle Book</i> |
| Aug 10: | <i>The Pied Piper of Hamelin</i> |

Also, four additional performances will be presented at Rengstorff Park, 201 South Rengstorff Avenue:

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| June 22: | <i>Peter Pan</i> |
| July 6: | <i>The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe</i> |
| July 20: | <i>Dragon of the Winds</i> |
| August 3: | <i>The Fabulous Fable Factory</i> |

The performers are students (ages 6 -10) enrolled in PYT's popular Children's Theatre in the Park Summer drama camps. Check the enclosed Spring/Summer Recreation Guide for information on how to register your child for a camp. For more information, call the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts at (650) 903-6000 or visit mvcpa.com.



You can
register for Recreation
classes on line by visiting [http://
online.activenetwork.com/
mvrecreation](http://online.activenetwork.com/mvrecreation).



ARTS & CULTURE

Rengstorff House Event Schedule

Mountain View's oldest home, fully restored and open to the public, will host the following events this Spring and Summer:

Turn Your Cheek: Silhouettes and the Victorian Era

On display through March 28 – an exhibit of vintage silhouettes and modern interpretations created by students of the Art4Schools Program of the Community School of Music and Arts.

Rengstorff House: 'UNVEILED'

A wedding planning open house, Saturday, April 21 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Meet former brides and consider the venue for your wedding. There will be a chocolate salon and more! RSVP at (650) 903-6088.

From Horse and Buggy to Model T: Turn of the Century Transportation

On display May 20 – July 25, featuring historical imagery of early Mountain View transportation and modern-day photographs of members of the Santa Clara Horseless Carriage Club and the Santa Clara Model T Ford Club. To meet some of the vintage car owners in person, join us for a "meet and greet" event at the historic Rengstorff House, Sunday, June 24 from 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.



Victorian Play Day

Come participate in games of the era – Free family fun for all ages, Sunday, May 20 from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Arts Festival

Fine art on display, and free performances every Sunday in August in the Rengstorff House gardens. Opening reception: August 2 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. The exhibit runs from August 1 through September 30.

The Rengstorff House is open to the public Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Sundays from 11:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. For more information, visit www.r-house.org or call (650) 903-6392.

Check out the MVCPA Schedule on p. 8
or visit MVCPA.com

LIBRARY EVENTS

Free History Course at the Library

The Mountain View Public Library will host a free nine-part history class entitled 'Big History: an Introduction to (Nearly) Everything', based on the innovative Teaching Company course developed by historian David Christian. The course will be presented by Professor John Hostettler using DVDs on Monday nights beginning March 5 at 7 p.m. in the Library's community room. Register online via the calendar on the Library's home page: mountainview.gov/library.

Book Authors at the Library

As part of "Silicon Valley Reads 2012," a countywide program that encourages residents to read and discuss the same book, the Mountain View Library will host talks by two of this year's selected authors at the Library, located at 585 Franklin Street.

On Saturday, April 21, at 10:15 a.m., children's author and illustrator, Todd Parr, will talk and draw for young children and families. Free copies of his book will be distributed at this event.

On Saturday, April 28 at 10:00 a.m., Willow Wilson will talk about her book, *The Butterfly Mosque*, and answer questions about being Muslim and American.

There will be more than a hundred free "Silicon Valley Reads 2012" programs throughout the Bay Area in January through April, including author talks, panels, films, art exhibits and discussions. For more information, visit <http://siliconvalleyreads.org/2012-13/>

Added Security for Library Cards

The Library will be adding Personal Identification Numbers (PIN's) to library accounts this Spring to provide additional security and to allow patrons to check-out materials without a card. For more information, call the Library at (650) 903-6335.

Library Summer Programs

The Mountain View Public Library offers a wide



range of free summer programs for children, teenagers and adults. Sign-ups begin May 1 and continue through August.

Family Kick-off Picnic June 12: Enjoy a family picnic and learn more about summer programs on

Tuesday, June 12 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in Pioneer Park (behind the Library). The Friends of the Library sweeten the evening with cake to share, followed by a special family performance.

• **Reading Families Program:** This program, for all ages, encourages families to read aloud and record



the titles they've enjoyed together.

• **Preschoolers:** Be part of the Reading Families Program and enjoy a drop-in series of outdoor musical concerts on Tuesday mornings, 10:15 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., from June 19 through August 7, featuring live performances by recording artists in Pioneer Park.

• **School-age Children:** Sign up for the 'Dream Big Read' reading program and enjoy programs on astronomy and nocturnal animals, as well magic, storytelling and

more. Thursdays 2:30 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. from June 14 through August 2. Grades 3 and up can play the Mountain View original research game Librology from July 2 – 30.

• **Teen Programs:** Sign up for the 'Own the Night' reading program and watch the Library website for details about special Summer activities for teens.



• **Adult Programs:** Sign up for 'Between the Covers' reading program and watch the Library website for details about special Summer programs for adults.

A detailed schedule of programs for preschoolers, children and teens will be available in mid-April. Watch the Library website mountainview.gov/library or call Children's Services (650) 903-6897 for more information.

New Puppet Stage at the Library

The Library has a new puppet stage created, constructed and donated by City employee and artisan Jeff Corey. The stage is handcrafted from recycled materials, built without nails and includes detailed parquet floors and decorated walls. Visit the Library to view this new gift to the children of Mountain View.

CONNECTING WITH YOUR COMMUNITY

VOLUNTEER SERVICES –
KEEPING CITIZENS CONNECTED,
KEEPS COMMUNITIES
STRONG!

VOLUNTEER SERVICES PROGRAM – CONNECTING WITH YOUR COMMUNITY!

The City of Mountain View's Volunteer Services Program gives you the opportunity to turn your special talents and abilities into positive action. For more information, call Bill Mykytka, Coordinator of Volunteer Services, at (650) 903-6607 or visit www.mountainview.gov to download a volunteer application.

CURRENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Center for Performing Arts – Ushers – Volunteers are needed to assist patrons at scheduled performances. The next usher training will be held Monday, March 12 and Monday, March 19, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Center. Volunteers must attend both sessions. Pre-registration is required. E-mail Liz@mvcpa.com to register.

Center for the Performing Arts – Lobby Hosts – Volunteers are needed Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays to open the lobby from noon to 1:00 p.m. so the public can view the art. For more information, contact Liz Nelson at (650) 903-6568 or Liz@mvcpa.com.

Senior Center – Front Desk – Greet and give informational assistance to senior visitors on Tuesday and Friday mornings. Duties include answering the phone, making appointments, money handling, providing good customer service and making friends. For more information, contact Roy Day at (650) 903-6441 or E-mail roy.day@mountainview.gov.

Senior Center – Computer Lab – Assist seniors in the technology center working with computers. Shifts are available Monday – Friday, between 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For more information, contact Sarah Foster at (650) 903-6448 or E-mail sarah.foster@mountainview.gov.

“Eleven years ago, I wanted to donate some of my time to my community. My duties volunteering for the Police Department have included participating in home inspections, giving parking tickets to cars parked illegally in handicapped spots, and making sure that all stores selling tobacco have proper permits and are not selling to minors. My life as a volunteer for the City of Mountain View has been fun, rewarding and never boring!”

*Ray Sinsley,
Police Department Volunteer*

Deer Hollow Farm – School Year Docent: Teach small groups of elementary school children about the farm and Native American studies. School year classes are held Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings. No experience necessary. Training and curriculum are provided. Call Deer Hollow Farm at (650) 903-6430 or E-mail deerhollowfarm@mountainview.gov.

Community Outreach Program – Volunteers bilingual in English and Chinese (Cantonese or Mandarin) are needed to assist staff in providing

information about City services at various fairs and events. Requires a 2 to 4 hour weekend commitment with training provided. For more information, call Blanca Cinco at (650) 903-6145 or E-mail blanca.cinco@mountainview.gov.

Shoreline at Mountain View – Various Opportunities – Help the public by working in a variety of areas:

Patrol Rangers – Assist Shoreline at Mountain View and Stevens Creek Trail users by providing information regarding routes, park facilities and safety, and by keeping trails free of litter.

Gatehouse Attendants – Greet visitors, monitor activities and educate the public about Shoreline at Mountain View, a 750-acre wildlife and recreation resource area.

Environmental Docents – Educate members of the public on the area's unique history, diverse species and baylands ecosystem by providing one-hour docent-led walks.



Garden Volunteers – Help maintain the Rengstorff House flowerbeds, provide arranged flowers for the interior of the house and answer visitors' inquiries. Weekday availability preferred.

Rengstorff House Docents – Conduct guided tours of the Rengstorff House and lead educational programs exploring Mountain View's early history. Rengstorff House docents may also provide special tours and activities for school/scout groups, senior centers, and other special events.

Exhibition Assistants – Provide hands-on support for the installation and removal/storage of artwork and exhibition items at Rengstorff House. They may also collaborate with staff on exhibition strategy, research and preparation.

For additional information, E-mail Kristina.Perino@mountainview.gov or call (650) 903-6073.

Recreation – Tennis Court Advocates – Tennis marshals are needed to assist with tennis court patrols, tracking hours, reporting violations, court etiquette and educating the public on court rules and City policies. For more information, contact the Recreation Division at (650) 903-6331.

Recreation – Leader in Training – Young people ages 13-15 are needed to help Recreation Leaders run summer programs in aquatics, sports, recreation and at Deer Hollow Farm camps. For more information, contact the Recreation Division at (650) 903-6331.

Spring Downtown Parade – Special Event – Volunteers are needed to help at the 34th Annual

Downtown Parade on Saturday, April 28. Help with set up, decorations, face painting, game booths or be a block monitor. Call the Volunteer Services Office at (650) 903-6607.

JOB AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES FOR TEENS

A Teen Job Fair will be held from 2:30-3:30p.m. Wednesday, March 7 at Los Altos High School and Wednesday, March 14 at Mountain View High School. The fair brings together dozens of local employers and agencies offering paid and volunteer positions. Students should come prepared to meet potential employers and volunteer agencies, fill out applications and ask questions. These events are sponsored by the City of Mountain View Recreation Division, the Mountain View Los Altos High School District, NOVA and the City of Los Altos Recreation Department. For more information, call (650) 903-6410.

TEENS NEEDED FOR YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mountain View residents currently in 6th to 11th grade are eligible to apply for the City's Youth Advisory Committee and help advise the City Council on youth issues, as well as plan teen activities and events. Applications are available on the City's website, in the office of your middle or high school and the Community Center. Submit your application with a letter of recommendation by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 6, 2012. For more information, call (650) 903-6410 or visit www.mountainview.gov.



HELP YOUR COMMUNITY IN AN EMERGENCY

Join a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) by signing up for free training through the City's Office of Emergency Services. CERT team training prepares local residents to help themselves, their families, and neighbors in the event of a disaster. The training covers basic skills that are important to know in a disaster when emergency services may not be available. CERT members receive training in earthquake awareness, disaster fire suppression techniques, disaster medical operations, first aid and light search and rescue, as well as team organization and management. Trained emergency personnel, including firefighters and emergency medical services personnel, with an emphasis on hands-on practice, teach all classes.

The CERT program is free to all citizens of Mountain View and those who work at a Mountain View business. The training is provided in English, as well as other languages, including Spanish. For more information and to register, call the Office of Emergency Services at (650) 903-6825. Or use the 'Register Online' link at http://www.mountainview.gov/city_hall/fire/programs.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

COMMUNITY EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

Don't miss these annual community events this Spring and Summer:

- Arbor Day Celebration** – March 10
- Downtown Parade** – April 28
- Citywide Garage Sale** – May 5
- Community Yard Sale** – May 12
- Library Family Picnic** – June 12
- July 4th Celebration at Shoreline** – July 4

More Upcoming Community Events

CITYWIDE GARAGE SALE

May 5, throughout Mountain View, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Hold a sale at your home, coordinate with your neighbors for a block sale, or raise funds for a community group. Register by April 13 online at www.MVRecycle.org or call (650) 903-6227 for a form.

COMMUNITY YARD SALE

May 12, Rengstorff Park, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Shop or sell. More than 100 vendors. Sellers register to rent space for a small fee by April 13. Call the Recreation Division at (650) 903-6331 for more information.

FREE PAPER SHREDDING

April 28, August 25 and November 3. At the SMaRT Station in Sunnyvale, 301 Carl Road, 8:00 a.m. to noon. Bring unwanted tax returns, bank statements medical records and other personal documents. No heavy binders or binder clips. Limit five banker-sized boxes or paper bags per resident. Call (650) 903-6311 for more information.

CITY OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED:

- Monday, May 28 for Memorial Day
- Wednesday, July 4 for Independence Day

The View newsletter is part of the City's community outreach and information program. Should you have any questions about the latest issue of *The View*, please call (650) 903-6210 or send an E-mail to: kimberly.thomas@mountainview.gov

CALENDAR OF REGULAR MEETINGS*

Meetings are sometimes added or adjusted—all dates are subject to change. Check out the website, KMVT, or contact the City Clerk's Office at (650) 903-6304 to confirm dates and times. Check out the City's Calendar or the top-right of the City's homepage at www.mountainview.gov – with links for updated meeting dates, times, locations, and documents.

Council, Board, Committee and Commission Meetings*

City Council – meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month, 6:30 p.m., Council Chambers, City Hall, 500 Castro Street.

Library Board – meets the third Monday of the month, 7:30 p.m., Library Conference Room, Library, 585 Franklin Street.

Environmental Planning Commission – meets the first and third Wednesday of the month, 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers, City Hall, 500 Castro Street.

Human Relations Commission – meets the first Thursday of the month, 6:30 p.m., Plaza Conference Room, City Hall, 500 Castro Street.

Parks and Recreation Commission – meets the second Wednesday of the month, 7:00 p.m., Senior Center, 266 Escuela Avenue.

Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee – meets Bi-monthly on the last Wednesday of the month, 6:30 p.m., Plaza Conference Room, City Hall, 500 Castro Street.

Downtown Committee – meets as needed.

Performing Arts Committee – meets the third Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. SecondStage, Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro Street.

Visual Arts Committee – meets the second Wednesday of the month, 6:00 p.m., Atrium Conference Room, City Hall, 500 Castro Street.

Youth Advisory Committee – meets the first Monday of the month at 4:30 p.m., Community Center, 201 S. Rengstorff Avenue.

Senior Advisory Committee – meets the third Wednesday of the month from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., Senior Center, 266 Escuela Avenue. (there are no meetings held in December and August).

*All dates and locations are subject to change.

SUMMER SAFETY TIPS

Summer Heat Precautions.

- Drink plenty of fluids and provide water for your pets.
- Avoid excessive exposure to the sun and use sunscreen.
- Dress in lightweight, light-colored, loose-fitting clothing and wear a hat or use an umbrella.
- Do not leave children or pets unattended in vehicles.
- Limit physical activity during hottest time of day (usually 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.).
- Call 911 for emergencies.

Water/Pool Safety:

- Teach all children to swim and never let them swim alone.
- A self-closing, self-latching fence should surround backyard pools/spas.
- Use alarms on windows and doors that open to the pool area.
- Mount lifesaving devices by the pool in a visible, accessible location.
- Be sure to have a telephone at poolside with emergency number 911 posted on the phone.
- Learn CPR.

GREEN EVENTS & TIPS

GREEN GARDEN SHOWCASE

Share your sustainable landscape with the Mountain View community and inspire others to adopt earth-friendly gardening practices through the City's Green Garden Showcase. View current showcase gardens and nominate your own landscape. Call (650) 903-6216 or visit www.gardenshowcase.mountainview.gov.

FREE WATER-WISE LANDSCAPE CLASSES

In partnership with the Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency (BAWSA), the City of Mountain View is hosting landscape education classes this Spring to help customers use water more efficiently.

- **Sustainable Landscape Techniques to Save Water, Time & Money** – Tuesday, Mar. 20th, 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. Learn about water and gardening techniques that save water. Topics include plant selection, proper irrigation, soil preparation and site design.
- **Create a Lush Garden with California Natives** – Saturday, Apr. 14th, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Learn how to design a lush-looking garden with water-efficient native shrubs, grasses, trees and flowers.
- **Graywater for Landscape Irrigation** – Saturday, May 12th,

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Install a graywater system to reuse water from your clothes washer to irrigate your garden.

- **So Long, Thirsty Lawn!** – Tuesday, May 22nd, 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. Get tips for reducing lawn water-use, lawn removal, and selecting plants to serve as lawn alternatives.

For more details and to register for a class, call (650) 349-3000 or visit www.bawsa.org. Space is limited and reservations are made on a first-come, first-served basis.

WATER-WISE HOUSE CALLS

Reduce water bills with a free house call. A surveyor will review your water use, provide low-flow showerheads and faucet aerators, and suggest water-saving improvements. Water Wise House Calls are available Monday through Saturday during daylight hours. To schedule an appointment, call (800) 548-1882 or visit <http://valleywater.org/programs/waterconservation.aspx>.

LANDSCAPE WATERING TIPS

Follow these irrigation tips to keep your garden healthy and water-efficient:

- Check for and repair leaks, breaks, stuck valves and misaligned spray heads. Soggy patches of ground may indicate an underground leak.

- Check soil moisture and assess landscape appearance to gauge whether or not plants need more water.

- Avoid watering daily. Water a maximum of 4 days per week for 15 minutes a day. Apply water in 3 cycles of 5 minutes each to allow water to soak into the ground.

- Water in the early morning, when wind and evapotranspiration are low.

For a recommended watering schedule and information on water-efficient landscape rebates for irrigation equipment and lawn replacement, visit www.conservewater.mountainview.gov.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP OFF EVENTS

Saturday March 17 (Sunnyvale) and 24 (San Jose), April 14 (Los Altos) and 21 (Sunnyvale), May 12 (San Jose) and 19 (Sunnyvale), June 16 (Sunnyvale) and 23 (San Jose). Call (408) 299-7300 or visit www.hhw.org for locations and appointments.

HOME COMPOSTING WORKSHOPS

April 28 and May 19, Mountain View Community Center, 201 South Rengstorff Avenue, 10:00 a.m. to noon. Call (408) 918-4640 to register or visit www.ReduceWaste.org for more information.